

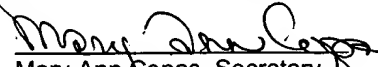
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In the Application of Wolfgang Peter et al

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF METALLIC
WORKPIECES

Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Sikyin Ip

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 08/20/2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.